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Red 5th Columns 'Everywhere' Confuse World, Says Hoover

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 13 (AP)—Former President Hoover yesterday said it is his impression that "Russian fifth columns in every country" are adding to the confusion of a world looking for peace.

Hoover, who recently returned from a world tour to survey famine conditions for President Truman, added in a birthday statement (he was 72 Saturday) that fewer nations have freedom today than before World War II and said he found the dominant note in the world is now fear and frustration rather than hope and confidence.

Fears New Blowup

"The dismemberment of the German state and the attempt to reduce the German people to a level of perpetual poverty will someday break into another world explosion," the former President declared.

Hoover summarized what he

said were, "several conclusions besides the food situation which I arrived at in recent conversations with top officials and other citizens in 38 states."

"The dominant note in the world a year after World War I was hope and confidence," he said. "Today it is fear and frustration. One year after the first World War we had signed the peace. Today there is no peace."

Universal Desire for Peace

"Today there is universal desire in all nations except Russia to make peace. My own impression is that Russia is obstructing to gain time for elimination of all non-communistic elements and thus the consolidation and practical absorption of those areas behind the 'iron curtain' and Manchuria. Her invigorated fifth columns in every country add to confusion. The rest of the world is rapidly concentrating its fears and consequently its animosities toward her."

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